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1. The Antonin Zapotocky Works (ZAZ) consist of a chain of 18 tanneries located in east and north Bohemia. The following are the largest: 25X1

ZAZ Jaromer (N 50-22, E 15-55), former Policky and Popper.
 ZAZ Trebechovice (N 50-12, E 16-00), former Vitouskove Brothers.
 ZAZ Tyniste nad Orlici (N 50-10, E 16-05), former Jiruska.
 ZAZ Tyniste, former Jelinek. 25X1
 ZAZ Tyniste, former Cermak.
 ZAZ Kostelec nad Orlici (N 50-08, E 16-14).
 ZAZ Nove Mesto nad Metuji (N 50-20, E 16-10), former Navratil.
 ZAZ Prague, former Matena.
 ZAZ Litomerice (N 50-32, E 14-08). 25X1
 ZAZ Varnsdorf (N 50-65, E 14-37).
 ZAZ Kamenicky Senov (N 50-46, E 14-29).

Since 1950 the former TAN national enterprises in Jaromer and Litomerice have been an integral part of the ZAZ Works.

2. The tannery in Jaromer processes hides for soles, uppers, saddlery and industrial use. The processed hides are partly manufactured into finished products in the plant itself, especially those for industrial use (washers, belts, etc.), and partly delivered to Botana, National Enterprise (top boots), Kozena, National Enterprise (saddlery, bags, etc.) and to the Armed Forces. About 15,000 kg. of hides are produced daily.
3. About 40 percent of the raw hides are supplied from domestic sources; the remainder is imported, [redacted] The imported hides are generally of very low quality. Mimosa and quebracho bark are imported [redacted] Pine bark and oak bark are supplied from domestic sources. Chemicals needed for processing are supplied by chemical plants in Hradek nad Nisou (N 50-51, E 14-51), Neratovice (N 50-16, E 14-31), Senti (N 49-40, E 14-40) and Rybitvi (N 50-03, E 15-42). Aniline dye supplied by these plants is of poor quality. 25X1

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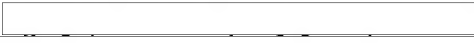




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4. The central management of the ZAZ Works in Jaromer employs about 100 persons; the tannery in Jaromer employs about 450 persons of whom about 25 percent are women. Normally only one shift is worked; temporarily, if production must be stepped up, a second shift is introduced. There are enough skilled workers and the products are generally of good quality. 25X1

5. The following personnel are employed by the ZAZ Works in Jaromer:

- a. Ing. Frantisek Berka, technical manager. Age 60, an old-time expert, not forceful in dealing with people, popular. 25X1
- b. Josef Cihlar, plant manager. 

- c. Josef Knejp, security officer. 

- d. Miroslav Rydl, head accountant of the tanneries management. 

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Legend for the sketches

Sketch #1

1. ZAZ Works, Jaromer; covers an area of approx. 300 x 300 meters.
2. Raw materials stores, covering an area of approx. 200 x 150 meters adjoining spur track. 25X1

Sketch #2

1. Administration building; two-storied, 40 x 16 meters. Occupied by the central management of ZAZ.
2. Technical department; single-story, 10 x 8 meter. Houses a porter, a doctor and workers' committee.
3. Laboratories; two-storied, 10 x 10 meters. 25X1
4. Raw materials store; single-story, 20 x 10 meters.
5. Industrial leather manufacturing halls; two-storied, L-shaped, 100 x 60 meters, built in 1948-1950.
6. Tannery; two-and three-storied building, 60 x 40 meters.

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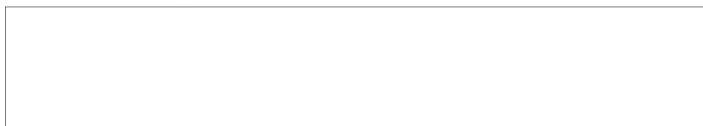
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7. Finishing - shops; three-storied, 80 x 40 meters. Contains drying kilns, finishing-shops, belt producing shop, etc.
8. Boiler house containing plant's own power station and a regenerator.
9. Warehouses; five-storied, 70 x 30 meters, with a loading ramp.



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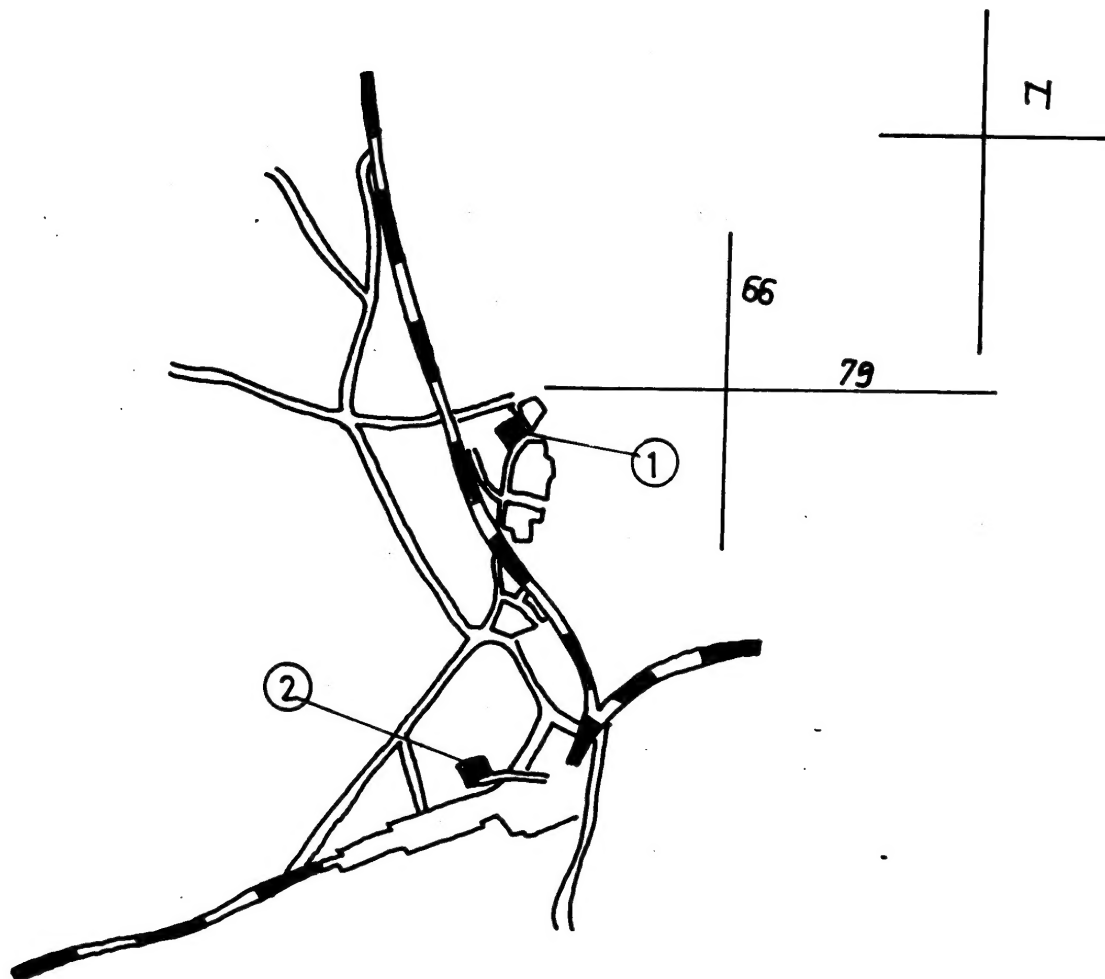
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